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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW

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[1](#)1. Embassy Ljubljana welcomes the visit of and grants Country Clearance to Senior Budget Advisor, Mr. Richard Bartholomew, to travel to Ljubljana, Slovenia, from September 21 - 24, 2005, to visit the Center for Excellence in Finance.

[1](#)2. There is no requirement to check in with the Embassy upon arrival. However, should assistance be required, the point of contact for your visit is John Nylin, Economics Officer, Office phone: 386-1-200-5537, fax: 386-1-200-5555, Cell phone: 386-70-323-653.

[1](#)3. The overall security threat level for U.S. personnel and interests in Ljubljana, Slovenia is considered to be low. Slovenia has a low crime rate and violent crime is extremely rare. Nonetheless, visitors should take normal security precautions and are requested to report any suspected surveillance of themselves or U.S. facilities to the Mission Security Office. Visitors should avoid carrying large amounts of cash and jewelry on their person and are urged to use safe deposit boxes available in hotel. While very uncommon, there have been some incidents of purse snatching or pickpockets, usually at night outside of bars. The threat from intelligence services remains viable, and official visitors should take appropriate measures to protect classified or sensitive conversations and documents. Conversations on non-secure lines and cell phones should be considered subject to compromise.

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